

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Charity Songs of Praise - this year the RNLI is our chosen charity. We are delighted that Revd. Robert Wright will be leading the service and his wife Vicky will be here to talk about her work as Deputy Chairman RNLI Trustees (ret'd). At the start of the summer holidays this seems an appropriate time of year for us to be thinking of "those in peril on the sea".

Please consider supporting the appeal by way of a donation in our retiring collection. Please use the **special Gift Aid envelopes** available to record your name and address. Any cheques are to be paid to "RNLI". Our appeal will be open for a few weeks – anyone who would like to contribute at a later date, please take away one of the envelopes and return it with your donation to Phillipa Cook (Green Farm) **before 1st September.**

Thank you to those who took the time to send their choice of hymns and readings, and to the ten who will be contributing to the service, introducing their hymns, or reading or prayers. Thank you to our organist Jerry Breslin who has provided the description of the hymns. Jerry has also kindly arranged, in the absence of the Benefice choir, for members of the Willen choir to be with us this morning – thank you for accompanying our hymns and singing an anthem.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers is held every Monday morning in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time. The last session before the summer holidays will be **tomorrow, Monday 22nd July.**

The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall** is open **on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The Prayer Group is held in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. **The next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 22nd July. There is then going to be a break over the summer holiday period until Monday 9th September.**

There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

LINK TO HOPE CHARITY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

Forms for the 2019 “Link to Hope” charity shoebox appeal may be obtained from a clip board on the bookcase by the porch door for those who would like to support this charity. Its work really does make a difference to the lives of extremely poor people in eastern Europe. Receiving a shoebox full of useful items brings joy to thousands of families at Christmas time.

ULTRA MARATHON MAN:

Roger Blofeld is doing a sponsored run to raise funds for the proposed toilet extension at the church. He is attempting to run 105 miles in the Lakeland 100 Ultra Marathon at the end of July within the cut off time of 40 hours. Included in the distance is an ascent/descent of 6270m, which is equivalent to going up and down Ben Nevis nearly 5 times. Any sponsorship that you can give will be a huge encouragement for Roger – either via our envelope scheme or by:- <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/run-to-spend-a-penny>

A WINE & CHEESE EVENING WITH JACK SHEFFIELD:

The above event with the local author of the best-selling “Teacher” series is being held on Saturday 14th September in Stoke Hammond Community Centre at 7.00pm. Tickets £7 from Dave Webber:- david.webber@btinternet.com 07711 026193

SERVICES ON 28th JULY:

There will be a **Family Service with Baptism here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Teas from 3 - 5pm, Short Service at 5.00pm

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